



**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER RESPECTING THE NORTHWEST REGION
(Under Subsection 45(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994*)
May 19, 2020
Control of Transmission of 2019 Novel Coronavirus**

WHEREAS, I, Dr. Saqib Shahab, an official with the Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Health Officer for the Province of Saskatchewan, have been authorized by the Minister of Health to act under section 45 of *The Public Health Act, 1994*;

AND WHEREAS, the prescribed area of Northwest Saskatchewan (Northwest Region) commencing at the west boundary of the Province of Saskatchewan thence easterly along latitude 55°N to longitude 106.5°W thence northerly to latitude 56°N thence westerly to longitude 108°W thence northerly to latitude 56.6°N thence westerly to the west boundary of the Province of Saskatchewan, as shown on a map appended to this order as Schedule “A” is or is anticipated to see a number of cases of exposure or transmission of COVID-19, which has been designated as a category 1 communicable disease pursuant to clause 3(1) of *The Disease Control Regulations*, increase;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities, recreational subdivisions, First Nations and other communities within the Northwest Region listed on the Government of Saskatchewan’s website, Saskatchewan.ca are subject to this order;

AND WHEREAS, the exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 is a serious public health threat;

AND WHEREAS, to reduce the probability for transmission of COVID-19, it is necessary to make an order to limit travel to, out of, and within the Northwest Region;

AND WHEREAS, where this order conflicts with my order of May 3rd, 2020, or any replacement order, this order shall prevail to the extent of the conflict;

AND WHEREAS, due to the situation continuing to evolve, I am hereby rescinding my Public Health Order dated May 6th, 2020 respecting the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, and by virtue of the foregoing and under subsection 45(2) of *The Public Health Act, 1994*:

1. I hereby ORDER and DIRECT effective immediately:

- a. Subject to subsection (c), no person shall travel to or out of the Northwest Region, whether from within the Province of Saskatchewan or otherwise.
- b. Subject to subsection (c), no person within the Northwest Region shall travel outside the community in which their primary residence is located.

c. Travel is permitted as follows:

- i. Persons may return to their primary residence;
- ii. Employees of, and persons delivering, critical public services and allowable business services, a listing of which is found on the Government of Saskatchewan website: Saskatchewan.ca;
- iii. Aboriginal persons engaging in activities such as exercising their constitutionally protected right to hunt, fish and trap for food or engaged in other traditional uses of lands such as gathering plants for food and medicinal purposes or carrying out ceremonial and spiritual observances and practices;
- iv. Persons who are travelling for medical treatment;
- v. Persons travelling for the purposes of attending court where legally required to do so;
- vi. Persons whose primary residence is within the Northwest Region may travel to the community closest to their community of primary residence within the Northwest Region taking the most direct route to obtain essential goods and services, when those goods or services are not available in their community of primary residence, a maximum of once per week. Each household shall only utilize one vehicle and each vehicle must only contain household members; and
- vii. When persons are traveling outside the Northwest Region for medical treatment they may also stop to obtain essential goods and services outside of the Northwest Region. Only one person in the vehicle may enter a retail establishment outside of the Northwest Region to purchase such essential goods and services.

This order remains in effect until in the opinion of the Chief Medical Health Officer, there is no longer a public health threat.

DATED at Regina, Saskatchewan, on the 19th day of May, 2020.



Dr. Saqib Shahab FRCPC
Government of Saskatchewan
Chief Medical Health Officer

Appendix A

Map of North West Region

